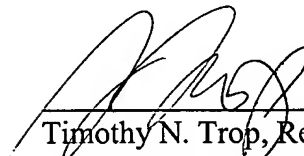


**REMARKS**

Applicant has elected Group I (claims 1-12) and has canceled claims 13-19.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Timothy N. Trop', is written over a horizontal line.

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